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【前巻までのお話】女性の最乳を吸うことで、特定元素を自在に操ることができる能力者、その名もクェイサー。再び豊ミハイロフ学園に戻った鉄のクェイサーのサーシャ。彼はエドガーの体を乗っ取ったフリートリヒ・タナーを追って、メテオラのリーメイと共に水の聖堂に突入する。「黄昏（おうごん）の先導者（ノア）」を利用して、タナーはゾータたちを可能性の世界に閉じ込める。だがエドガーの最後の願いとリーメイの犠牲により、タナーは水の神殿と共に消滅した。

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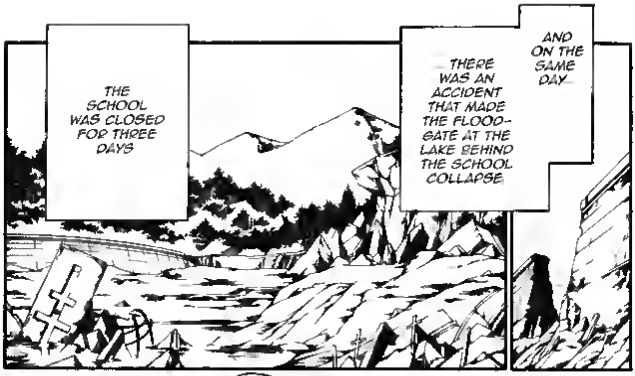
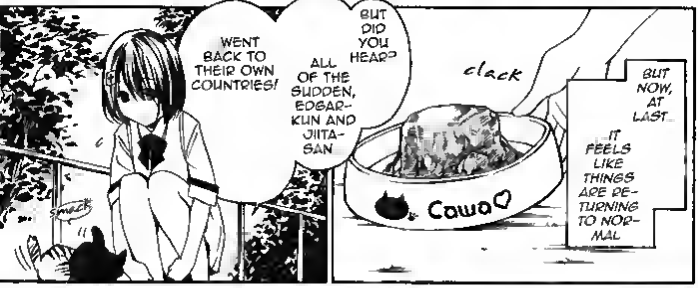
Chapter 63: Something to Fight For

HI, EVERY-ONE!
I'M MITARAI FUMIKA
THIS WILL BE ON THE TEST
SO MAKE SURE TO MEMO-RIZE IT
ABOUT A WEEK AGO...
SOME-THING VERY STRANGE HAPPENED HERE
THEY SAY ALL THE STU-DENTS LOST CON-SCIOUS-NESS
rustle
B
Peek


THE SCHOOL WAS CLOSED FOR THREE DAYS
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT MADE THE FLOOD-GATE AT THE LAKE BEHIND THE SCHOOL COLLAPSE
AND ON THE SAME DAY...


WENT BACK TO THEIR OWN COUNTRIES!
ALL OF THE SUDDEN, EDGAR-KUN AND JIITA-SAN
BUT DID YOU HEAR?
clack
Cawa♡
BUT NOW, AT LAST...
IT FEELS LIKE THINGS ARE RE-TURNING TO NOR-MAL
SMACK

THAT THEY HAD TO LEAVE ONCE THE INCIDENT WAS OVER.
I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE THEY KNEW ABOUT SASHA-KUN'S TRUE REASON FOR BEING HERE.

I JUST WISH...
I GOT TO SAY GOOD-BYE...
SASHA-KUN...!
BELIEVE ME, FUMIKA, THEY FEEL THE SAME WAY
step

"AFTER THE SOLDIERS' DREAMS"
休館中
CLOSED FOR VACATION

sob sob
WHAT'S WITH THE TRAGEDY PLAY?
"OH..."
"GLORY... THOU ART A FLEETING THING."
sigh
REALLY, YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS!
YOU NEED TO ANNOUNCE YOURSELF YOU KNOW MAFUYU-SAN!
gnnnn
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST STOOD THERE AND WATCHED!
SUCH POOR MANNERS!!
UM... SORRY
I JUST CAME BY TO GIVE YOU THIS
!!
IT'S FROM JIITA
SHE WROTE YOU GUYS A LETTER
THERE'S A NOTE FROM EDGAR IN THERE TOO

"I TREASURE THE MEMORIES I HAVE OF YOU AS IF THEY WERE PRECIOUS DIAMONDS"
"AND LASTLY PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR LEAVING SO SUDDENLY"
フミ 大好きだよ ありがとう
ニート
Fumi
I love you!
Thank you for everything
Jiita

THIS LETTER
I WISH SHE WASN'T BEING SO FORMAL
JIITA-SAN...

AND EDGAR-KUN WROTE SOMETHING TOO
"ALL THE DAYS I GOT TO SPEND WITH YOU GUYS..."
...WERE THE HAPPIEST OF MY LIFE."
WELL...
I GUESS WE HEARD FROM THEM AFTER ALL.
BUT...
BUT THAT'S GOOD!
THAT THEY LIKED IT HERE.

BUT
IT FEELS SO SAD, TOO...
BECAUSE WE HAD SO MUCH FUN!
EHE
FUMIKA
YOU'RE AN AMAZING PERSON
EH?!
SO-THUMP
I WANT TO ASK YOU SOME-THING
THIS SUNDAY...
DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME?
HUH?!

I WAS JUST THINKING...
HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE CITY?
AND YOU CAN SHOW ME...
...ALL THE PLACES YOU LIKE

WHA WHA WHA WHA WHAT DO YOU MEAN..?!
eeh?

A DATE?!

BUT, I GUESS, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER
I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE IT'LL BE JUST THE TWO OF US ANYWAY
♡Oh, hi, Fumika-chaaaan!♡
You're here too? Oh, well...
squeeze
hug

OH
IS THIS REALLY THE BEST I CAN DO ?
fidget

SORRY FUMIKA
I MADE YOU WAIT...
sigh
BUT THAT'S GOOD, IN A WAY
THEN I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT LOOKING LIKE THIS...
YEAH THAT'S MORE LIKE IT
AND I'LL BE THE PUNCH-LINE, AS USUAL

OH, NOT AT ALL!
YOU'RE RIGHT ON TIME!
IS EVERY-BODY READY TO...
turn
EH?
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
peek
OTHERS?
IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US HERE.
step
OH, I SEEE

SO YOU'RE SAYING
IT'S JUST US HERE TODAY?!
IS THAT A BAD THING?
WHAT'S WRONG?
YOU WANT ME TO CALL THEM?
shake
shake
NO!
NO IT'S FINE
SASHA-KUN!

JIITA AND JOSHUA PHRYGIANOS...

AND NOW THAT THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF...
SASHA AND MIFUYU-SAN, WE NEED TO DISCUSS WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE TWO OF YOU.
...ARE BEING TREATED FOR THEIR INJURIES IN A HOSPITAL IN MY JURISDICTION
WHILE THEY'RE THERE, NEITHER METEORA NOR THE ADEPTS CAN GET TO THEM
AND THAT...
OH, AND...
click
EVEN IF YOU AREN'T HERE...
YOU'LL STILL BE WITH ME, TOMO.
Paf

THIS IS WHERE I USUALLY GO FIRST
I'M SO GLAD IT'S STILL HERE!
A LIBRARY, HUH?
DON'T GET ME WRONG, THE SCHOOL LIBRARY IS GREAT TOO
BUT THERE ARE SO MANY OLD BOOKS HERE!
THE WAY THEY FEEL AND SMELL...
IT'S SO RELAXING
I SEE
THIS PLACE
IT REALLY FEELS LIKE YOU
HUH?
AND THEN...
WHEN I'VE BORROWED A BOOK FROM THERE...
I USUALLY COME HERE

MIYUKI-SAN SHOWED ME THIS PLACE
THE CAKES HERE ARE REALLY GOOD!
CHOMP
HEY, YOU'RE RIGHT!
IT'S JUST SWEET ENOUGH
TOO
TOO MUCH IS BAD FOR THE HEART!
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THUD
BA-THUD

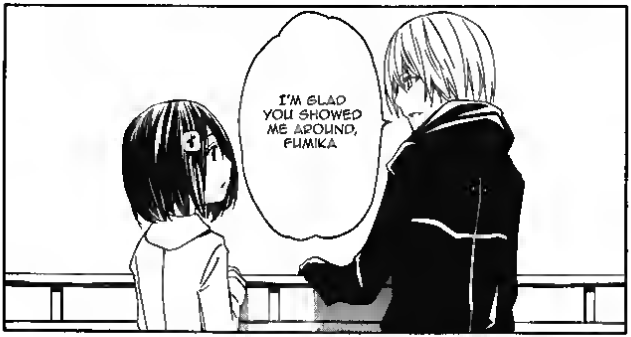
AFTER THAT
I LIKE TO COME HERE
TO THIS MALL!
YEAH?
I'M SURPRISED

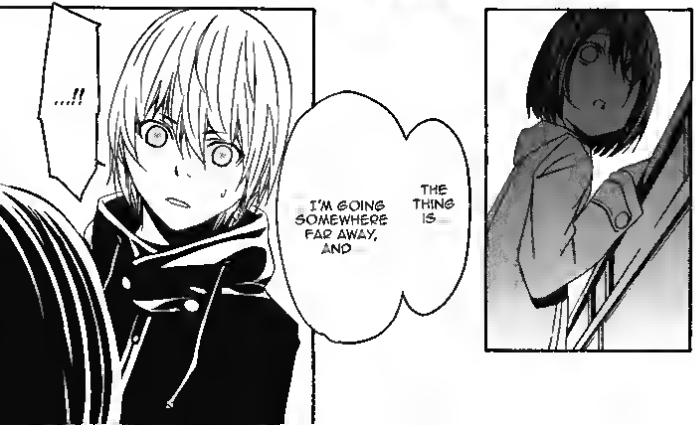
THIS IS ONE OF MY FAVORITE PLACES!
THERE ARE ALWAYS SO MANY THINGS TO LOOK AT HERE.
IT'S EXCITING!

EXCITING?
YOU KNOW CLOTHES...
AND CUTE ACCESSORIES...

EXCITING, HUH...
THAT'S EXCITING TOO!
AND ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE
AND COUPLES
AND YOU CAN WATCH THE PEOPLE GO BY
HAPPY FAMILIES...

YES...
JUST LOOKING AT YOU...
I CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE HAPPY


I'M GLAD YOU SHOWED ME AROUND, FUMIKA


...!!
I'M GOING SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY, AND
THE THING IS...

HOLD ON...
I ALMOST FORGOT...
THAT'S RIGHT
OH
WAIT HERE!
SA-
SASHA-KUN?

MAYBE I'M JUST BEING PARANOID, BUT...
THOSE CASES...
RI RI RI RI RI RI RI
KYAAA!!
?!
WHAT THE ?
KRSSH!!
BOOM
KUSH
AAAH!
KYAA!
ROBBERS!
THE JEWELER'S BEING ROBBED!
THEY SHOT SOME-ONE!

SHATTER
KRSSSHH
CRASH
IF YOU TRY TO RUN...
...YOU WILL DIE!
KRSSSHH
DO ANY-THING STUPID...
...AND YOU'LL END UP LIKE THIS GUY RIGHT HERE!
THEY MOVE LIKE AMA-TEURS

THEY HAVEN'T SPOTTED ME YET
MAYBE IF I JUST...
TOK TOK
PUMIKA ?!
THERE. THOSE SHOES
THERE'S AN EXIT IN THAT SHOE STORE!
IF WE GO THROUGH THERE WE CAN LEAVE WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
WHAT ARE YOU
WHY DID YOU COME?!
YOU SHOULD RUN!

NO!
I'M NOT LEAVING!
WE'RE ON A DATE!
YANK
I KNOW YOU HAVE THIS AMAZING POWER...
AND YOU CAN USE IT TO STOP THEM!
AND I KNOW YOU WANT TO GET ME OUT OF HERE...
SO I...
SASHA-KUN I REALLY LIKE YOU!
SO
SO LET ME HELP YOU!
YOU CAN
LET ME GIVE YOU

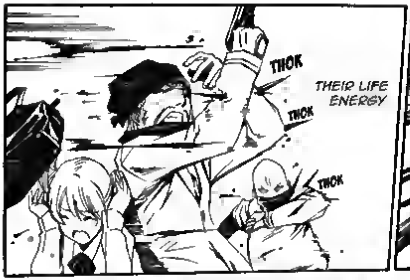
OKAY
ONLY
YOU HAVE TO DO AS I SAY
ALL RIGHT?
GRAB
slip
nod

push
YOU KEEP FINDING NEW WAYS TO SURPRISE ME, FUMIKA.
rustle
YOU SEEM SO SHY, BUT YOU'RE BRAVER THAN ANYONE WOULD BELIEVE.
YOU LOOK FRAIL BUT YOU'RE SO STRONG.

Have you ever been left to shiver in the cold?

EEEEEEE
Have you ever felt the bite of the deep Arctic winter?
A cold so bitter it can cut your flesh and crack your bones?
SKREEE
WHAT THE...?!
Tremble
and Fall to Your Knees!
CRRAAACK

KRRRR...
BOOM
KILL HIM!
BLAM. BLAM
THE... THE STEEL! IT'S...
WHAT THE HELL IS HE?!
SHHHH
SKRANNG
KRANNNK
K-DHAK


THOK
THOK
THOK
THEIR LIFE ENERGY

SHHFF
I TAKE SOMA FROM WOMEN

MY ELEMENT IS IRON
BY CONSUMING IT I AWAKEN THE POWER TO CONTROL AN ELEMENT A PART OF NATURE ITSELF

CHUNK
SHINK
ARE CALLED "QWASERS"

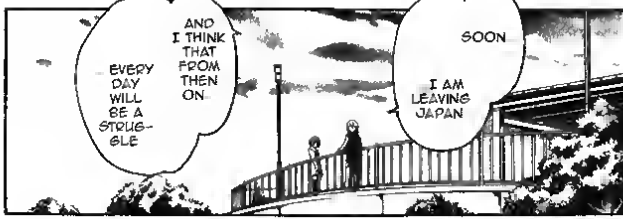
THOSE WHO CAN DO THIS, WHO CAN BEND ELEMENTS TO THEIR WILL
RRRRATTLE

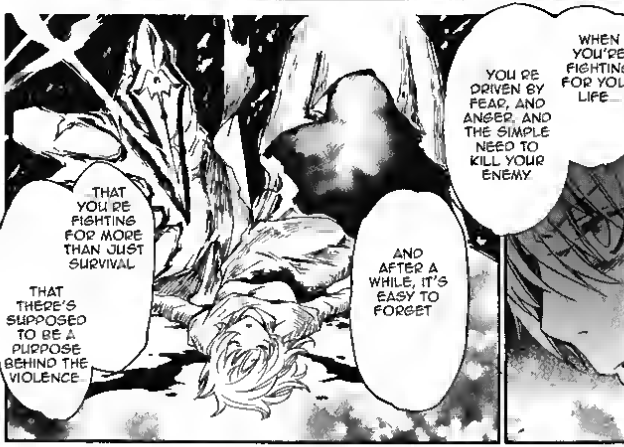
I'M AN IRON QWASER
I'M A SERVANT OF ATHOS
THAT'S WHAT I AM. AS FOR WHO I AM

ALEKSANDR NIKOLAEVICH HEL.
I AM "SASHA THE MARTYR".

SOME-WHERE
THIS DAY TOOK A VERY STRANGE TURN.

THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME YOUR SECRET
BUT THANK YOU
SASHA-KUN
FUMIKA
I WAS HOPING YOU'D NEVER HAVE TO SEE THAT
IT TOOK ME A WHILE
BUT NOW I FINALLY UNDER-STAND
THIS IS IT FOR US, ISN'T IT?
AND WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN
YOU'RE GOING AWAY
AND I'M STAYING HERE
YOU'RE WRONG
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT

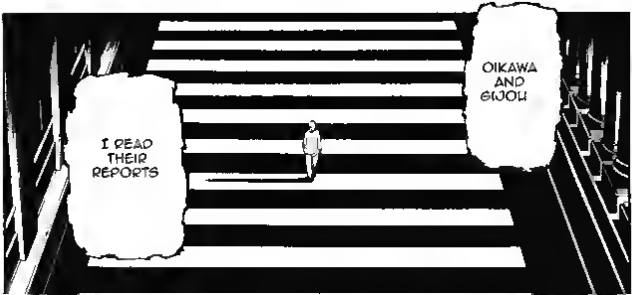

SOON
I AM LEAVING JAPAN
AND I THINK THAT FROM THEN ON
EVERY DAY WILL BE A STRUGGLE


WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR YOUR LIFE
YOU'RE DRIVEN BY FEAR, AND ANGER, AND THE SIMPLE NEED TO KILL YOUR ENEMY
AND AFTER A WHILE, IT'S EASY TO FORGET
THAT YOU'RE FIGHTING FOR MORE THAN JUST SURVIVAL
THAT THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE A PURPOSE BEHIND THE VIOLENCE

NOW, WHAT ALWAYS BRINGS ME BACK TO REASON
IS TO THINK OF THE DAYS I'VE SPENT HERE
I THINK OF YOU, FUMIKA
AND THE WAY YOU SMILE

YOU'RE THE SYMBOL OF EVERYTHING I'M FIGHTING FOR
TO ME
IN MY MIND
PLEASE, FUMIKA
I NEED YOU TO BE HAPPY
I'LL BE HAPPY
I WILL, SASHA-KUN
BECAUSE IF I KNOW YOU'RE SMILING
I WILL FIGHT WITHOUT HESITA-TION

BE SAFE!


OIKAWA AND EIJOU
I READ THEIR REPORTS

scratch scratch
IT WOULD SEEM...
...THE "GOLDEN NOAH"...
...IS NOW LOST FOR-EVER
JUST AS WE HOPED
AND WITH THAT...
...THE GREATEST OBSTACLE BETWEEN US AND OUR GOALS HAS BEEN SWEPT FROM THE BOARD...
...MELOSZ.
NO...
YAMANOBE YUUDAI
OKAY, THEN.
LET'S BEGIN...

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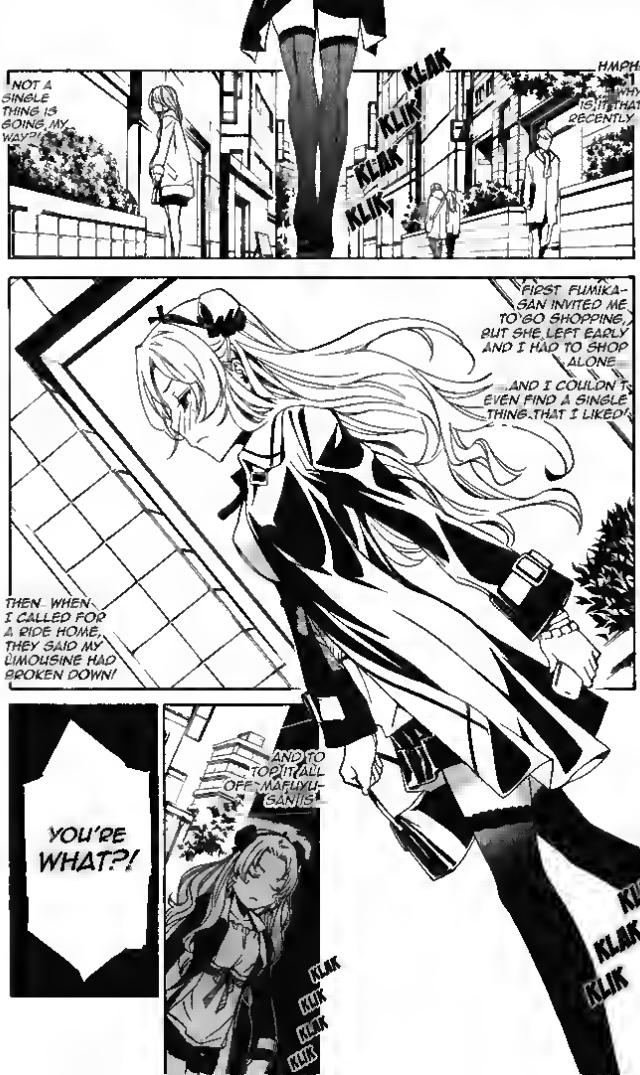
Chapter 64: Tsujido Miyuri's Fear


NOT A SINGLE THING IS GOING MY WAY?!
KLAK
KLIK
KLAK
KLIK
HMPH! WHY IS IT THAT RECENTLY
FIRST FUMIKA-SAN INVITED ME TO GO SHOPPING, BUT SHE LEFT EARLY AND I HAD TO SHOP ALONE...
...AND I COULDN'T EVEN FIND A SINGLE THING THAT I LIKED!
THEN WHEN I CALLED FOR A RIDE HOME, THEY SAID MY LIMOUSINE HAD BROKEN DOWN!
YOU'RE WHAT?!
AND TO TOP IT ALL OFF MAFUYU-SAN IS!
KLAK
KLIK
KLAK
KLIK

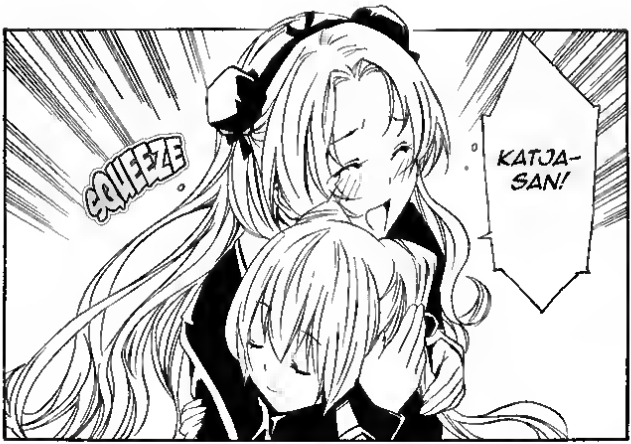
UM, WELL...
YEAH
YOU'RE "STUDYING ABROAD FOR A WHILE"?!
WHAT ARE YOU EVEN TALKING ABOUT?!
YOU SEE, I JUST HAVE TO, FOR A LOT OF REA-SONS
SORRY, MIYURI...
SERIOUSLY, THEY'RE ALL BEING SO INCREDIBLY SELFISH, I JUST...
OUCH!
BUMP!
I CAN'T BELIEVE MAFUYU-SAN IS ABANDONING ME TOO! I JUST LIKE EDGAR AND JIITA-SAN!
OH MAN, I THINK I BROKE SOME-THING!
HE HE HE
HEY, MISSY...
YOU SHOULD PAY THE MAN FOR PAIN AND SUFFE-RING, YEAH?
LET'S SEE HOW MUCH YOU GOT.
DON'T WORRY, IF IT AIN'T ENOUGH, YOU CAN ALWAYS PAY THE REST WITH THAT JUICY BODY!

RIGHT NOW...
...I AM IN A TERRIBLE MOOD!
LEAVE ME ALONE, PLEASE!
NAH...
SHE'S WALKING AROUND ALL ALONE SHE AIN'T GOT NO ONE!
GOT ANY FRIENDS WITH YOU?
YOU GOT A BOY-FRIEND?
THAT SO?
HEAR THAT? THAT'S RUDE!
SO HOW ABOUT WE'LL BE YOUR FRIENDS?
step
FRIENDS
THAT'S RUDE!
YOU CAN'T JUST ASK ABOUT SOME-ONE'S FRIENDS LIKE THAT!
SOMEONE LIKE YOU DON'T GOT A BOY-FRIEND?
BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE FRIENDS!

AH, SO THAT'S IT!
THE SHIT-STINK I SMELLED WAS JUST YOU GUYS
TOK
AND HERE I THOUGHT I'D TOLD ALL YOU IDIOTS THAT YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED IN THIS PART OF TOWN
YOU MUST BE NEW
HANA...
SAN ?!
THE FUCK...?
BITCH, THIS IS A PRIVATE PARTY...
...AND YOU AIN'T INVITED!
KRAK

CRACK
WHAP
MAN, THIS TAKES ME BACK
GOF
HEY, MIYURI!
BEEN A WHILE!
KRAHK
AND STOMP SOME SENSE INTO YOU PISSANTS BEFORE YOU LEARNED TO DO AS YOU'RE GOD DAMN TOLD
TO WHEN I HAD TO COME HERE EVERY OTHER DAY...
CRUNCH

step step step
pinch
HMM... IS THIS REALLY YOU?
JOLT
IT'S REALLY HER!
HI, BIG SISTER MIYURI!
WE'RE HOME!


SQUEEZE
KATJA-SAN!

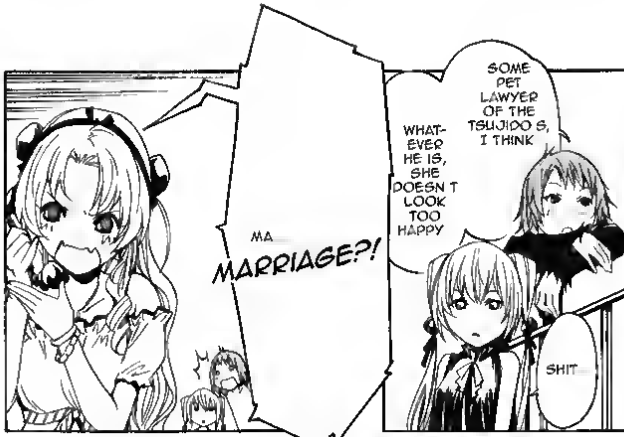
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SHE HAD SOME-ONE LIKE THAT WITH HER!

FUCK
THAT STUCK-UP BITCH WASN'T ALONE AFTER ALL
GAH!

BUT REALLY

MEDICAL CARE IS EXPEN-SIVE
YOU CAN KEEP THE WALLET

sparkle
YOU TURNED UP SO SUDDENLY
—AND SINCE I'M LIKE YOUR OLDER SISTER, I WANTED TO SURPRISE YOU WITH SOMETHING!
—I DO WISH YOU'D TOLD ME YOU WERE COMING BACK IN ADVANCE!
MY LADY—
shuffle shuffle
TEA!
TEA FOR EVERYONE!
THERE'S SO MUCH I WANT YOU TO TELL ME—
—AND SO MUCH I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT!
BUT COME NOW!
WHO'S SAGAZAKI?
FINE
PLEASE EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT—
A CALL FROM MISTER SAGAZAKI IS AWAITING YOUR ATTENTION—
SUH
TK-TK-TK


MA...
MARRIAGE?!
WHAT-EVER HE IS, SHE DOESN'T LOOK TOO HAPPY
SOME PET LAWYER OF THE TSUJIDO'S, I THINK
SHIT...

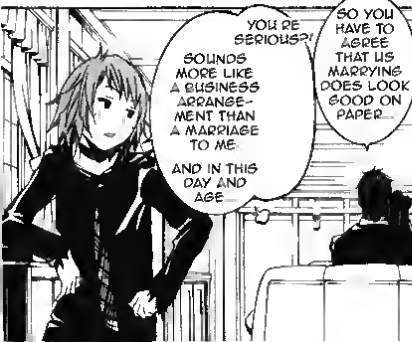
BUT WHAT...
WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS ABOUT?!
JUST WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE MISS
AS THE HEAD OF THE TSUJIDO HOUSE-HOLD YOUR GRAND-FATHER LIKES THE IDEA...
...AND HAS DECIDED THAT OVERALL, IT'D INCREASE THE GROUP'S PROSPERITY AND SOLIDIFY FUTURE INTERESTS

!!
WHICH IS WHY I'VE COME ALL THIS WAY TO GIVE YOU THESE!
WELL
I CANNOT POSSIBLY AGREE TO MARRY SOMEONE I HAVEN'T EVEN MET!

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU
I'M YUGE TAKUYA
AND IT SEEMS I'M YOUR FIANCÉ

I BELIEVE THE REASONING BEHIND ALL THIS...
IS THAT THE TSUJIDO GROUP IS STRONG IN TRANSPORTING AND RETAIL...
WHILE THE YUGE GROUP IS STRONG IN SHIPPING AND MANUFACTURING...

I'M SORRY, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT GRANDFATHER SAYS
I AM NOT MARRYING ANYONE!


SO YOU HAVE TO AGREE THAT US MARRYING DOES LOOK GOOD ON PAPER...
YOU'RE SERIOUS?!
SOUNDS MORE LIKE A BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT THAN A MARRIAGE TO ME.
AND IN THIS DAY AND AGE...

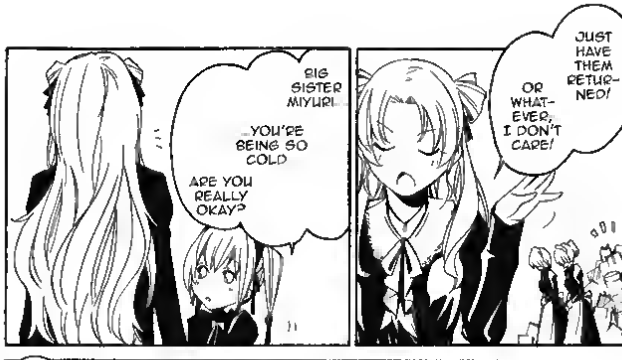
AH
IT SEEMS ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS IS VOICING AN OPINION ON A MATTER
THAT FRANKLY DOESN'T CONCERN HER
THAT MAY BE, BUT SHE'S STILL RIGHT

BE-CAUSE, AS I'VE ALREADY SAID
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF MARRYING ANYONE!
hmph!
I SEE
THEN I WILL WITH-DRAW FOR TODAY

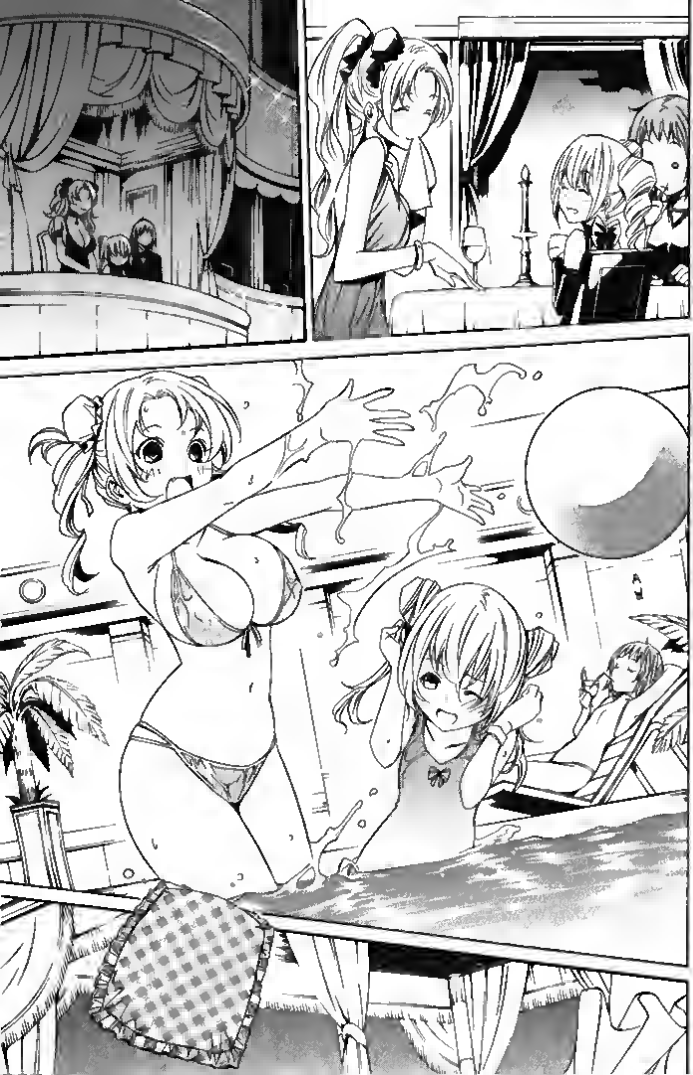
BUT IN TIME I'LL HAVE YOU SING ANOTHER SONG EN-TIRELY
MIYURI-SAN
CLICK

THE NERVE!
THE NERVE OF THAT LEERING MAN!!
WHAT
WHAT WAS THAT
LAST PART ?
I ABSO-LUTELY
...WILL NOT MARRY A MAN OF SUCH LOW, CHEAP CHARACTER!
...ABSO-LUUUU-TELY...

rustle
CLATTER
WITH SWEETEST LOVE
YUGO TAKUYA

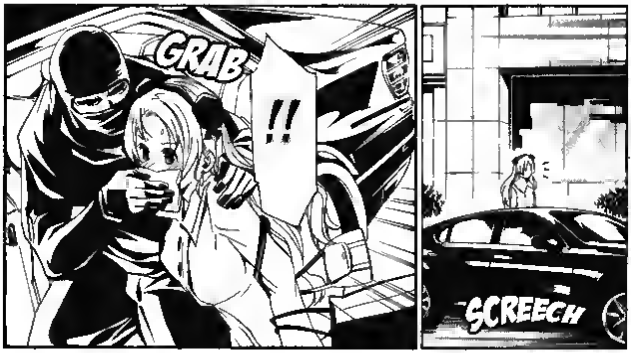

BIG SISTER MIYURI...
...YOU'RE BEING SO COLD
ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
JUST HAVE THEM RETIRED!
OR WHATEVER, I DON'T CARE!

OH, YES!
I JUST LET THAT MAN GET TO ME...
BUT YOU'RE MAKING ME FEEL SO MUCH BETTER ALREADY!
LET'S FORGET ABOUT HIM AND GO HAVE SOME FUN!



AN THE DAY AFTER
AN WE'LL BE TOGETHER
FOR • E • VER
KATJA
AN TOMORROW
SHEESH !
I GOT TIRED JUST WATCHING HER!
INDEED
WHEN SHE GETS LIKE THIS
IT'S ALWAYS DIFFI-CULT TO GET A WORD IN EDGE-WISE
mumble
SO
I NEVER COULD FIND THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TELL HER
THAT YOU AND I ARE LEAVING FOR EUROPE AS WELL
HANA
DO SOME-THING FOR ME
KEEP AN EYE ON HER UNTIL WE LEAVE

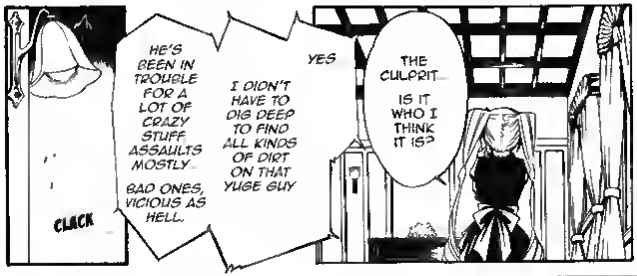
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE KATJA WEAR IT! AND—
I TOTALLY LUCKED INTO THAT SUPER-CUTE DRESS!

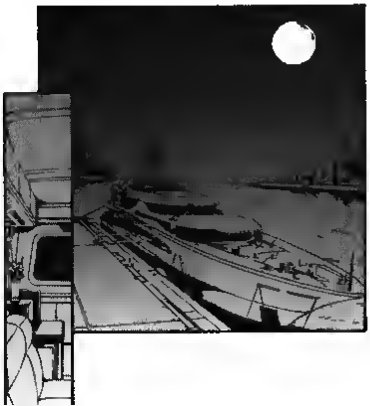

GRAB
!!
SCREECH

MISS KURAE, YOU HAVE A CALL FROM MISS KATSURAGI.

IT'S MIYURI
SHE'S BEEN KID-NAPPED!

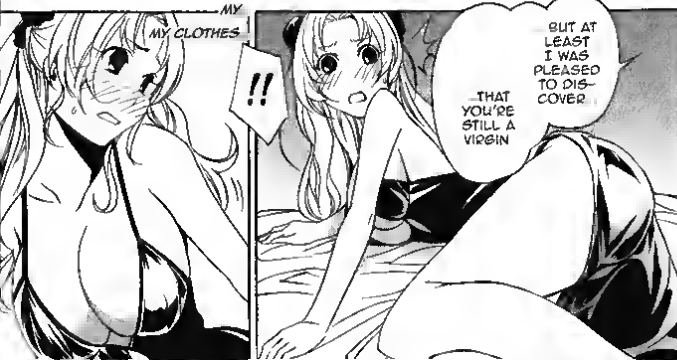
!!
IT JUST HAPPE-NED SO FAST!
KATJA-SAMA, I'M SORRY


CLACK
HE'S BEEN IN TROUBLE FOR A LOT OF CRAZY STUFF. ASSAULTS MOSTLY... BAD ONES, VICIOUS AS HELL.
I DIDN'T HAVE TO DIG DEEP TO FIND ALL KINDS OF DIRT ON THAT YUGE GUY
YES
THE CULPRIT... IS IT WHO I THINK IT IS?



mmm

I'M SORRY TO SAY IT MAY BE A LITTLE EARLY
TO CALL THIS OUR HONEY-MOON
YOU


MY MY CLOTHES
!!
BUT AT LEAST I WAS PLEASED TO DIS-COVER
THAT YOU'RE STILL A VIRGIN

...TO CRUSH YUGE COMPLE-TELY!
I SWEAR THE TSUJIDO GROUP WILL USE ALL OF ITS POWER...
IF I FIND OUT YOU'VE LAID A SINGLE FINGER ON ME...
YOU...?!
NOTHING MUCH, OF COURSE, BUT AT LEAST IT'S A COMPRE-HENSIVE INVESTI-GATION OF YOUR SCHOOL LIFE
YOU WHAT...?
HMM I WON-DER
YOU SEE, I HAVE A REPORT ON YOU...
NO WONDER THE FEW FRIENDS YOU DID MAKE ARE ALL TURNING THEIR BACKS ON YOU NOW
ALL YOUR LIFE YOU'VE BEEN SELFISH AND HIGH-HANDED, WITH NO ONE TO PUT YOU IN CHECK
BUT THAT'S NO SUR-PRISE
I...
LET'S SEE...
SOME OF THE WORDS PEOPLE USED TO DESCRIBE YOU WERE "SELF-RIGHTEOUS" AND "SMUG"...
"PRIDEFUL," "UNLOVEABLE," "INSUFFE-RABLE"
AND IT APPEARS YOU HAVE ALMOST NO FRIENDS AT ALL!

THAT THEY'RE ALL GOING AWAY?!
IT'S BECAUSE OF ME...
IT'S BECAUSE I'M LIKE THIS...
BUT HAVE NO FEAR!
I'LL CURE YOU OF YOUR BAD BEHAVIOR
ALL IT TAKES IS THAT I BREAK YOU DOWN COMPLETELY
AND MAKE YOU MY OBEDIENT LITTLE SLAVE
LOOM
stagger
...!!

SOME-THING I FOUND IN CHINA. A POWERFUL APHRODISIAC WITH A NUM-BER OF VERY INTERESTING QUIRKS.
AH, I SEE IT'S STARTING TO WORK.
MY LEGS...
I CAN'T FEEL...
tumble
IN SHORT, YOU'RE LOSING CONTROL OF YOUR EXTRE-MITIES...
...AND YOUR BODY HEAT IS INCREA-SING RA-PIDLY.
YOU HAVE TO SWEAT THE DRUG OUT...
...OR YOU'LL OVER-HEAT AND DIE.
BUT SINCE YOU CAN'T MOVE...
...YOU'LL NEED SOME HELP WITH THAT...
...AND AS LUCK WOULD HAVE IT, I KNOW JUST THE THING.

CLINK
FUCK OFF!
I DON'T WEAR HAND-ME-DOWN SHIT!
NOW BE A GOOD GIRL AND CRAWL OVER HERE.
BUT EVEN IF I CAN'T CONTROL MY BODY
YOU CAN DRUG ME AND DO WHAT-EVER...
...I'LL NEVER GIVE IN TO YOU!
I AM TSUJIDO MIYURI!
BECAUSE I'M A DAUGHTER OF THE TSUJIDO FAMILY!
OH, THIS IS GOOD!
YOU'RE GETTING ME ALL TINGLY!
YOU SEE, I'M WHAT HAS BEEN CALLED A "CLINICAL SADIST".
JUST THINKING ABOUT HEARING YOU SCREAM AND CRY AND BEG...
THIS IS ALMOST GOING TO BE TOO MUCH FUN...!

KRSSSHHH
ACROSS THE BOTTOMLESS DIVIDE THAT SEPARATES YOU FROM ME...
...DID I JUST HEAR YOU CALL YOURSELF A SADIST?
WHO...
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!
?!

WHAM
HOLD YOUR TONGUE, FOOL.
YOU HAVEN'T EARNED THE RIGHT TO SPEAK.
AND YOU ARE A WORM THAT CALLS ITSELF "SADIST".
I'VE BEEN CALLED PRINCESS...
I'VE BEEN CALLED EMPRESS...
I'VE BEEN CALLED DOMINA...
IT FALLS TO ME TO SHOW YOU THE ERRORS IN YOUR DELUSION.

CLICK
KILL THEM!
FUCK...
GO!
WWWMMM...
WWWMMM
CHING
KRANG
CHUNK

MAGDALENE!
KRRR
PLACE YOUR FURY...
RRREEEEEEEEE
...IN MY FIST!
KRADOOM!!

WHAT NOW...
"SADIST"?
AND JUST LIKE THAT, ALL YOUR FRIENDS HAVE BEEN PUT DOWN.
TWITCH
CRASH!!!
HEY!
tch!
HE JUST DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP
VRRMMMM
HANA
RIGHT
REEEE

KRRTTT
MAMA!
EEEEEE
FEEL HONORED, WRIGGLING LITTLE WORM!
FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE
...THE EMPRESS' HAMMER!
CRUNCH

Развернись!!!
FIRE!
BOOM!

swing

WHAT DO WE DO?!
SHE'S BURNING UP!
I RECOGNIZE THESE SYMPTOMS
THOSE SWINE...
haah...
haah...

AND GIVE HER AN EXQUISITE FEVER DREAM IN THE PROCESS
WE'LL MAKE MIYURI'S BODY EXPEL THE DRUG
YOU WILL ASSIST ME, HANA
THERE'S ONLY ONE SOLUTION WE HAVE TIME FOR
IT CAN'T BE HELPED
gasp!

haah
IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW WILL SAVE YOU
LIKE A DREAM, THE MEMORY WILL FADE AND BE FORGOTTEN IN THE MORNING...
...BUT EVEN SO, MIYURI
...I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER MY WORDS...
haah
NEVER CHANGE
haahn...
YOU MUST ALWAYS REMAIN THE PROUD, SOLITARY FISHPE YOU ARE.

...EVEN IF IT'S JUST A TITLE YOU'VE GIVEN YOURSELF...
BECAUSE...
...ONLY A PERSON WHO TOWERS HIGH ABOVE ALL OTHERS...
CAN EVER BE ALLOWED TO CALL HERSELF MY "SISTER"
HAAAAAH!!

I'M SORRY
BIG SISTER MIYURI
WE'RE LEAVING AGAIN, AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO APOLOGIZE FOR!
EVERY DAY WITH YOU HAS BEEN ITS OWN REWARD
I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO RETURN!

OOH, I PROMISED MYSELF I WOULDN'T CRY...!
GOOD-BYE, KATJA-SAN!
BE WELL, RUKU
WANNA HUG?
IN YOUR DREAMS!
WELL THEN, EVERY-ONE!
WE'RE LEAVING!
HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY!
AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT US

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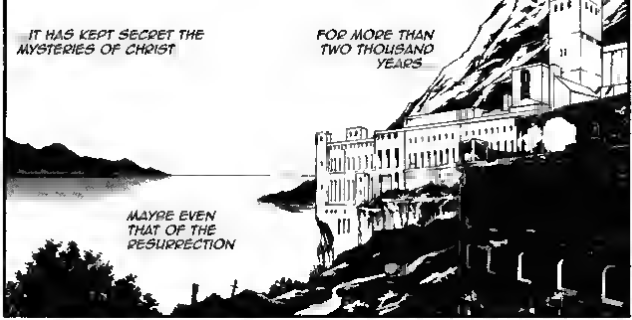
BECAUSE I'M TSUJIDO MIYURI...
AND I'LL MAKE SURE EVERY-THING WORKS OUT FINE!
ONLY THINK OF US WHEN IT'S TIME TO COME BACK HOME!
GOODBYE, MIYURI-SIS!
THEN HERE WE GO!

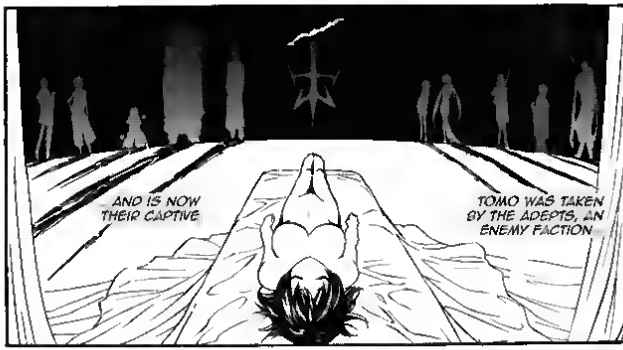
Chapter 65: The Descendant of Bethania


IT HAS KEPT SECRET THE MYSTERIES OF CHRIST
FOR MORE THAN TWO THOUSAND YEARS
MAYBE EVEN THAT OF THE RESURRECTION

SWAY
EVER SINCE THE RUMOR WAS SPREAD THAT THE THEOTOKOS WAS SOMEWHERE IN ST. MIHAILOV'S ACADEMY...
CREAK
KLIP KLOP KLIP KLOP
KLIP KLOP KLIP KLOP

THESE PEOPLE ARE CALLED "QWASERS".
...FOUGHT BY PEOPLE WITH STRANGE AND FEARSOME POWERS.
...MY FRIEND TOMO AND I, ORIBE MAFUYU, HAVE BEEN TRAPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF A SECRET WAR...

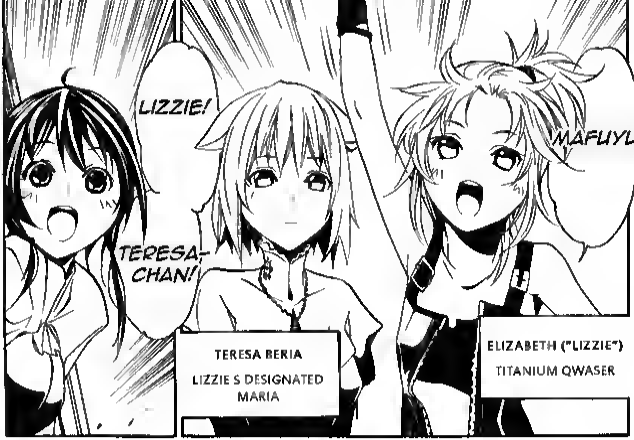
THE IRON QWASER, SASHA ALEKSANDR HEL
HE APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE, AND OUR EVERYDAY LIVES SUDDENLY TURNED INTO A BATTLE-FIELD
FOR TOMO AND MYSELF IT ALL TRULY STARTED WITH HIM


AND IS NOW THEIR CAPTIVE
TOMO WAS TAKEN BY THE ADEPTS, AN ENEMY FACTION

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT SINCE THEN

I BECAME A MARI[illegible] PARTNER AND SOURCE OF POWER TO THE QWASERS!
AND WAS CHARGED TO FIGHT BY SASHA'S SIDE

YUUDAI
YAMANOBE YUUDAI, TOMO'S FATHER, MY UNCLE
I PROMISED HIM I'D LOOK OUT FOR TOMO.
I SWORE I'D ALWAYS WATCH OVER HER...
CLICK
FINALLY.
WE'RE HERE, MAFUYU.
...BUT WE LOST HER, AND SHE'S STILL GONE
SOOLE.
THE TRAINING GROUNDS FOR ALL OF ATHOS'S QWASERS AND MARIAS
HEHEEY!!


LIZZIE!
MAFUYUUUU!
TERESA-CHAN!
TERESA BERIA
LIZZIE S DESIGNATED MARIA
ELIZABETH ("LIZZIE")
TITANIUM QWASER

WELCOME TO SQOLE...
MAFUYU
THANK YOU
VICE PRESIDENT, MA'AM!
AND YOU SASHA
WELCOME BACK
VICE PRESIDENT OF SQOLE
"BIG MA'AM"

MA'AM, THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT, AND I'M—
YOU CAN STOP PLAYING HOSTESS NOW!
YOU'RE WHAT, IF I MAY ASK?
A CHILD THAT HASN'T LEARNED HOW TO GREET PEOPLE CORRECTLY?
A BAWLING INFANT THAT STILL EXPECTS OTHERS TO WIPE HIS BOTTOM FOR HIM?
KNEEL!
N-NO, LITTLE MA'AM! I...
I'M DEEPLY SORRY! PLEASE FORGIVE MY TRANSGRESSION!
sweep
WELL THEN, SO YOU'VE RETURNED!
hmp!
PRESIDENT OF SQDLE
"LITTLE MA'AM"

AND WELCOME, YOU TOO... ...SASHA
WELCOME, MAFUYU-SAN!
THANK YOU VERY MUCH... LITTLE MA'AM!
T-THANK YOU...
MUCH BETTER! SEE, THAT WASN'T SO HARD?
MAFUYU...
THE JOURNEY HERE IS ALWAYS HOT AND DUSTY I'M SURE YOU'LL WANT TO FRESHEN UP
NOW THAT YOU'RE OUR GUEST, YOU MAY NEED SOMEONE TO GUIDE YOU AROUND SOOLE
LIZZIE-SAN, TERESA-SAN MAY I LEAVE MAFUYU-SAN IN YOUR CARE?
YES, OF COURSE! PERMISSION TO LEAVE?

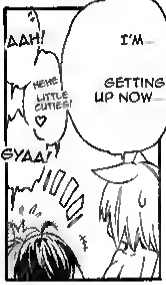
THIS WAY, THIS WAY!
YEAH, I'VE BEEN TRAINING HERE FOR A WHILE NOW!
NOT AS LONG AS SASHA AND TERESA, BUT...
OH, BY THE WAY...
THE REASON WHY THEY CALL ATHOS "ATHOS"
I'M GUESSING IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE TEMPLE MOUNTAIN?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT...

THIS ENTIRE AREA HAS COME TO BE KNOWN SIMPLY AS "ATHOS."
SINCE IT INCLUDES MOUNT ATHOS.
THIS IS ACTUALLY AN AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC THAT'S SEPARATE FROM GREECE
HOWEVER
THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES WOMEN AREN'T ALLOWED TO ENTER
NOT EVEN LITTLE GIRLS.
AND ATHOS ISN'T JUST SOOLE
THERE ARE A LOT OF PLACES HERE, AND ALL OF THEM ARE FULL
EVEN THE MONASTERIES!
ATHOS IS EFFECTIVELY ITS OWN NATION. THE ATHONITE STATE
WOW!
CRAP.
SOME OF THESE PLACES ARE REALLY GIVING US THE COLD SHOULDER, HUH?
...AND ESPECIALLY ITS SANCTUM.
...WHERE NO ONE IS ALLOWED.
IT IS THE EL-EIZARIYA MONASTERY...
THAT'S RIGHT.
AND THERE'S ONE PLACE...

WOW, THE WOMEN'S BATH IS GORGEOUS!
THIS MIGHT MAKE UP FOR THE COLD SHOULDER EARLIER
YEAH, THIS IS GREAT!
JUST LYING HERE, SOAKING IN THE HOT WATER
MAKES ME FEEL LIKE NEW
MAFUYU!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE GROWN EVEN BIGGER?!
WELL, I SEE YOU'VE GROWN TOO, LIZZIE!
NO WAY, NOT AS—
KYAA!

YAAH!
QUIT IT, MAFUYU!
AWW!
THEY'RE STILL TEENY-TINY, BUT I CAN TELL SOMETHING'S HAPPENED!
THEY'RE ADORABLE!
squeeze
grope
WAAH!

MA'AM
YOU MADE A PROMISE


I'M GETTING UP NOW
AAH!
HEHE! LITTLE CUTIES!
EYAA!

WE WILL
BUT FIRST...
I CAN'T SAY IT ONLINE
BUT IT'S ABOUT MAFUYU'S SECRET
NOW PLEASE TELL ME
SASHA...
HOW MUCH DO YOU GRASP OF OUR CURRENT SITUATION?
WELL... THE TSARITSYN WASN'T IN ST. MIHAILOV'S ACADEMY AFTER ALL...
THE DISCOVERY SENT THE UPPER LEVELS OF ATHOS INTO A STATE OF PANIC AND CONFUSION
TO PUT IT MILDLY...
AND BECAUSE OF THAT...
MAFUYU'S SITUATION HAS BECOME FAR MORE DELICATE

SHE'S BEEN ENGRAVED WITH ONE HALF OF THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"
AND AS YOU KNOW, WHEN COMPLETED, IT CAN BE USED AS A GUIDE THAT LEADS TO THE TSARITSYN
YES
NOW, MAFUYU MAY BE A MARIA...
BUT ESSENTIALLY, SHE'S STILL JUST A SCHOOLGIRL
WHICH MAKES ONE QUESTION OBVIOUS
WHAT IF SHE TOO WAS TAKEN BY THE ADEPTS?
THAT QUESTION CAME UP AT THE BISHOPS' CONFERENCE...
AND THEY MADE A RUTHLESS DECISION

IF MAFUYU-SAN WERE TO FALL INTO ENEMY HANDS...
THERE'S A FAILSAFE THAT WILL DESTROY HER HALF OF THE "MARIA OF THE SWORD"
SASHA
ATHOS HAS ENGRAVED A CURSED CIRCUIT ONTO MAFUYU'S HEART
!!

SASHA?
WHAT'S WRONG?
...
YOU'VE GROWN SASHA...
BUT YOU STILL CAN'T LIE
NOTHING
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I WAS HERE, IS ALL

SO WHY NOT TALK ABOUT IT WITH YOUR EX-PARTNER?
THAT MIGHT MAKE THINGS A BIT EASIER
OKAY THEN, YOU WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO KNOW A CREST MAKER THAT CAN DISPEL A CURSED CIRCUIT THAT'S BEEN ENGRAVED ONTO SOMEONE'S HEART?
YEAH, DIDN'T THINK SO
BUT I DO
?!
SOMEONE WHO CAN DISPEL CIRCUITS?
I DO KNOW WHERE YOU CAN FIND SOMEONE LIKE THAT

I'LL SHOW YOU
BUT WHY DO YOU NEED IT?
learn
AND WHO DO YOU NEED IT FOR?
CAN YOU TELL ME?
YOU...
YOU'VE CHANGED TOO, TERESA
MAYBE LIZZIE AND HER WAYS HAVE RUBBED OFF ON ME...
NO, I JUST THINK...
I'VE LEARNED TO BE A BIT MORE HONEST WITH MYSELF
?

NOW TELL ME EVERY-THING, SASHA
ALL THE DE-TAILS PLEASE
O... OKAY
squeeze

LISTEN CAREFULLY MAFUYU!
ATHOS HAS PLACED A CURSED CIRCUIT ONTO YOUR HEART
YOU OKAY MAFUYU?
OH! YEAH!
HEY, CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE MY ROOM IS?
SURE!

TO THINK ATHOS WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
YEAH
AND THEY DIDN'T EVEN TELL US
THEY JUST SENT US OUT TO FIGHT

I HAVE TO DO SOMETHING
YOU SAID YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO CAN HELP
PLEASE, TERESA
SHOW ME

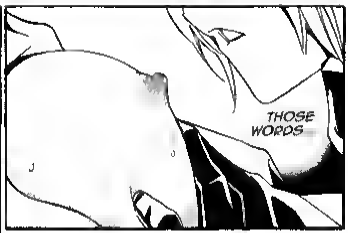
THE ONE I WAS TALKING ABOUT
...CAN INDEED HELP YOU WITH THIS CIRCUIT
OF THAT I HAVE NO DOUBT
HOW-EVER...
...GETTING THERE WILL BE DIFFI-CULT
HOW SO?
FIRST...
YOU HAVE TO ENTER THE EL-EIZARIYA MONA-STERY...
AND MAKE YOUR WAY INTO THE SANCTUM
!!
THERE, YOU HAVE TO FIND THE "HOLDER OF HEAVEN".
THAT'S THE ONE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR

SO THAT'S IT?
THE SANCTUM?
THAT'S IT.
OR AS CLOSE AS WE CAN GET TO IT FROM THE OUTSIDE
IT IS ABSOLUTELY FORBIDDEN TO DO THIS
OF ALL WHO'VE TRIED, I HAVEN'T HEARD OF ANYONE WHO'S SURVIVED.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP, TERESA.
YOU SHOULD HURRY BACK.

SASHA
I'M NOT MAFUYU-SAN
BUT IF YOU NEED TO
AND YOU?
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL MAKE IT BACK OUT?
...THE WAY YOU USED TO.
...PLEASE COMMAND ME...
SISTER TERESA BERIA
BY MY WILL GIVE YOUR SOMA TO ME

YES.

THIS WARMTH...
MOAN


THOSE WORDS...

THIS FEELING IN MY MOUTH AND THEN BURNING INSIDE ME...
IT'S LIKE TIME IS TURNING BACK.
WE'VE BOTH CHANGED, TERESA, BUT WE'RE STILL SO MUCH AS WE WERE.
I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING, SOMETHING WE SHOULD HOLD ON TO.

YES.
SASHA.
TAKE WHAT
YOU NEED.

I HAVE SO MUCH LIFE TO GIVE
I AM OVER-FLOWING
I GIVE IT ALL TO YOU
HAAH
HAAH
HAAH
NNH

YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
THE NUNS GUARDING THE SANCTUM ARE PROFESSIONAL SOLDIERS.

TERES...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
THOK
CHITTER
SSSHH
WHEN IT COMES TO THIS, I'M NOT LIKE I USED TO BE.
I'M NOT OUT TO PROVE MYSELF
CRNNK
CLACK

KRAKK
!!
click click click
!!
CLATTER
TOK TOK
CLINK
...AS POSSIBLY CAN
SO I'LL JUST DO THIS AS QUICKLY AND QUIETLY...

THUD

THE CENTER
OF THE SANCTUM

I MADE IT.

RRMMMBLL...
?!
slither
Aaaaa

YANK
SMACK
GRAB
...OF THE BLOODLINE OF BETHANIA.
THE ONE WHO LIVES HIDDEN IN HERE IS SUPPOSEDLY A DESCENDANT...
THOU ART THE FIRST MAN...
...TO EVER SET FOOT IN THE CHAMBERS...

PRAY TELL, WHAT REWARD WOULD BEFIT SUCH A DARING DEED?
PER-HAPS WE SHOULD HAVE A WILD AND LUSTFUL NIGHT...
AND MAKE OUR OWN LITTLE CHILD OF GOD?
...?!
...OF THE RIGHTFUL HEIR TO THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN.

The Panagia Agatha, Holder of Heaven

Chapter 66: The Celebration of the Panagia's Day of Birth

ha ha ha ha ha!
aaaa
"YOU"?
HAHAHA.
aaa
YANK
THOU ART A GWASER, TRUE?
OH WONDERFUL!
OH, HOW FRESH!
TO ADDRESS ME IN SUCH A MANNER!
AH
'TIS MUTED, BUT I DO SENSE THE VIBRATION IN THEE.
THERE IT IS... FAINT, BUT QUITE ENERGETIC!
hmmm
aaaa
tang
slither

AN AUDI-ENCE?
HMM?
SHE'S MAKING THESE CIRCUITS MOVE AROUND LIKE THEY'RE ALIVE!
MMFF!
THIS GIRL...
I'VE COME TO SEE FOR AN AUDIENCE WITH... WITH THEE.
PANAGIA AGATHA! ART THOU... ...SAFE?
SLAM
OH!
EXCELLENT! JUST IN TIME!
WAVE WAVE
HURRY, HURRY! COME HERE AND REMOVE THY GAR-MENTS!
I... UH?
YES, THOU SHALT HAVE INTERCOURSE WITH THIS MAN! QUICKLY, NOW!

Kneel
I ?
PANAGIA I DO NOT THINK
AH!
THOU ART NEW?
THEN PERHAPS THOU HAST YET TO BE TOLD THAT WHEN I SAY A THING
I RARELY JEST
aaaaaaa
KLIK KLIK
THE SECURITY WAS BREACHED, WAS IT NOT?
HENCE, THOU HAST FAILED IN THY DUTIES AS A GUARD, TRUE?
'TIS TO DO THE WORK OF OTHERS!
AND, DEAR ME
IF THERE IS ONE THING I SIMPLY CANNOT STAND
lean
PANAGIA, I BEG OF THEE!
PLEASE, DON'T ASK THIS OF ME!
BUT
WHY EVER NOT?

AFTER ALL
THOU DIDST FAIL AND GRAVELY SO!
ART THOU NOW DEFYING ME AS WELL?
click
CLANK
rustle
CLATTER

NOW, NOW!
NO HIDING!
slip

PANAGIA AGATHA...
PLEASE STOP THIS AT ONCE!
step
drop

BUT TAMARA?!
ALREADY?!
THOU ART TOO EARLY!
OOOHH!
AGAIN WITH THESE UNSEEMLY WHIMS?
INSTRUCTING A GUARD TO EXPOSE HERSELF NOW?
REPULSIVE!
YOU LEAVE NOW!
rustle
THIS MAN...
AND THIS IS THE ONE WHO SO BESTED OUR SECURITY
HE IS A QWASER?
HE IS!
HE HATH NOT SHOWN IT, BUT I SENSE IT IN HIM

TAKE THIS, THIS PERSON TO THE DUNGEON AT ONCE!
PREPARE HIM FOR EXECUTION!
THE DEVIANCE...!
THE BLASPHEMY!
CREAK
A QWASER BREAKING INTO THE PANAGIA'S CHAMBERS...?

YET THOU ART STILL ACTING WITHOUT REASON!
PANAGIA, I BEG OF THEE TAKE CLOSER HEED OF THY ACTIONS!
THE GRANDEST SERVICE OF ATHOS, THAT OF THY HOLY BIRTH, IS SOON TO BEGIN
OH, FIE!
AND IT WAS GETTING SO INTERESTING

OR DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
DID YOU FIND THE HOLDER OF HEAVEN & FELY?
IT'S TAKING SO LONG...
FINE

SSSHH
TWITCH
!!
THUD
THOK
SSSSS
SSSSS
SSSSHH
SHINN

DO NOT RESIST

YAWN
DID I DREAM IT OR DID SASHA REALLY GO SOMEWHERE LAST NIGHT?
DONNN
DONNN

MAFUYU!!!
SOME-THING'S HAPPENED!
SASHA AND TERESA...!
BAM
YOU'RE SERIOUS?!
SASHA'S IN SOME KIND OF PRISON?!
NOT WITH-OUT REA-SON
HE WAS CAUGHT BREAKING INTO THE PANAGIA'S CHAMBERS
THE "THE PANAGIA"?
WHO ?

MAFUYU-SAN, LISTEN TO ME
THIS IS ONE OF ATHOS'S MOST HEAVILY GUARDED SECRETS
I DO NOT SHARE IT LIGHTLY...
BECAUSE TO TELL IT CARRIES A DEATH SENTENCE
AND SO DOES HEARING IT
THE BIBLE TELLS US...
...ABOUT THE LIFE OF HRISTOS
WE ARE TOLD THAT AFTER HE ENTERED JERUSALEM...
...HE STAYED IN THE VIL-LAGE OF BETHANIA
...IN THE HOUSE OF TWO SISTERS, MARTA AND MARIA

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE...
...THAT HRISTOS WENT THROUGH LIFE A BACHELOR.
BUT IN TRUTH...
...DURING HIS STAY...
...ONE OF THE SISTERS, WHICH ONE IS UNKNOWN...
...BECAME WITH CHILD.
NO
YOU'RE SAYING
LISTEN
THERE ARE LIVING DESCENDANTS OF HRISTOS IN THE WORLD
THE BLOOD-LINE'S EXISTENCE WAS DISCOVERED DURING THE MIDDLE AGES
IT'S A SECRET THE ORTHODOX CHURCH HAS KEPT HIDDEN IN THE ATHOS MOUNTAINS FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS

WHAT'S MORE...
IT IS SAID THAT THE THEOTOKOS OF TSARITSYN...
...!!
...IS AN HEIRLOOM...
...THAT IS PASSED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION IN THAT BLOODLINE
BUT STILL...
WHY DID SASHA...?
BECAUSE THE PANAGIA...
...IS OF THAT BLOOD
AND WITH IT COMES GREAT POWER
POWER?
HERS IS THE GIFT TO CONTROL CIRCUITS WITH HER WILL
WE BELIEVE THAT SASHA AND TERESA WENT TO HER...
...TO SEE HER...
...TO REMOVE THE CURSED CIRCUIT AROUND YOUR HEART.

HE KNOWS, CHILD
BUT WHY?!
MA'AM ?!
YOU...
YOU TOLD HIM?!
THAT I WOULD TELL HIM
THE NEXT TIME HE CAME TO SQOLE
BECAUSE I PROMISED HIM EARLIER...
WHOOM
BUT...
TUG

clutch
AKKH
stagger
WHAT'S WRONG?!
MAFUYU!!
MAFUYU?!
THUD

I HAVE TO SEE THE PANAGIA!
IT'S IMPOR-TANT!
I HAVE TO...
I HAVE TO TELL HER...
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME?!
CLINK
IS THERE ANYONE OUT THERE?!
BUT BEFORE YOU DO...
WHO'S THERE?!
LISTEN, I DON'T GIVE A DAMN IF YOU KILL ME...
SKREEE

click clink
MA'AM?
BE CALM.
YOU AND TERESA HAVE BEEN ABSOLVED
HOWEVER...
...WHAT I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOW...
...MAY WELL BE EVEN MORE PAINFUL THAN ANY EXECUTION.
THE CURSED CIRCUIT...
...THAT IS INSIDE MAFUYU...
...HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.

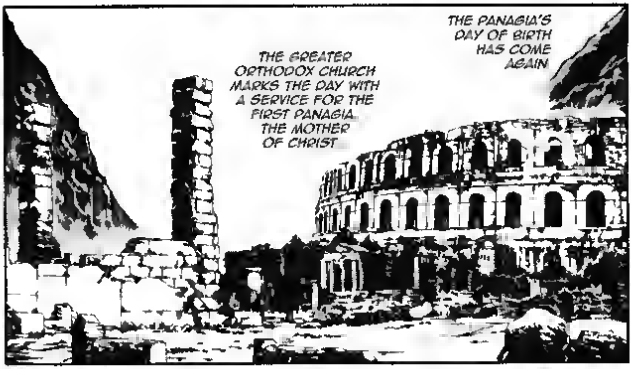
THAT IS TRUE
HOW-EVER...
THERE'S NO REASON FOR THEM TO HAVE DONE THAT
THAT CIRCUIT WOULDN'T TURN ON WITHOUT THEIR SAY-SO!
WAS IT... WAS IT THE BISHOPS?!
GRIT
IT'S BEEN A WHILE, EMILY
I BELIEVE YOU TWO'VE ALREADY MET
SASHA, THIS IS TAMARA SMIRNOFF, THE ARCHESS OF THE SANCTUM
TAMARA...
step
SMIRNOFF...?

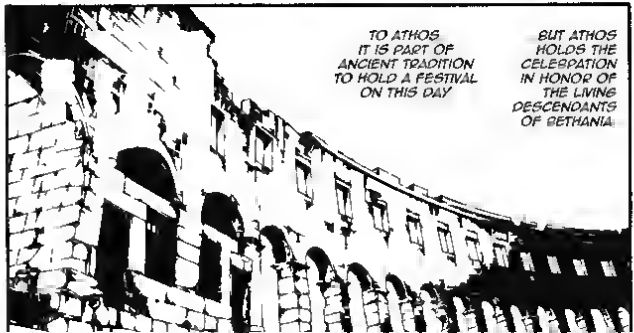
LISTEN
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ALL THIS
rise
!!
SMIRNOFF... AS IN THE HEAD OF METEORA?!
YOU... YOU'RE HIS NIECE, RIGHT?!
BUT PLEASE! I'M BEGGING YOU!
LET ME SEE THE PANAGIA!
KYAAA!
ONE AUDIENCE! JUST—
GRAB
DON'T TOUCH ME!
UNCLEAN!

MY INTEGRITY IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE!
AS A SISTER, I'VE MADE A SACRED VOW OF PURITY
STILL WITH THAT?
SILENCE!
TAMARA
DID YOU COME HERE JUST TO START AN ARGUMENT?
I HAVE GREATER DUTIES THAN LETTING MEN SLOBBER ALL OVER MY NAKED BREASTS!
BECAUSE UNLIKE CERTAIN OTHERS I COULD NAME...
glare!
BUT THE PANAGIA AGATHA HAS A MESSAGE FOR THIS MAN.
NO
THIS IS HIGHLY IRREGULAR

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'VE BEEN SENT LIKE SOME ERRAND GIRL TO PASS MESSAGES TO A PERVERT IN A CELL
grumble
sigh
TURN
A MES-SAGE?!
WHAT IS IT?!
BUT VERY WELL!
THE PANAGIA SPEAKS:
"This is my will.
Attend the celebration of my holy birth.
There, win my favor...
SMACK
...and I shall grant thy wish."

EPINYA, ON THE AKTÉ PENINSULA


THE PANAGIA'S DAY OF BIRTH HAS COME AGAIN
THE GREATER ORTHODOX CHURCH MARKS THE DAY WITH A SERVICE FOR THE FIRST PANAGIA, THE MOTHER OF CHRIST


TO ATHOS IT IS PART OF ANCIENT TRADITION TO HOLD A FESTIVAL ON THIS DAY
BUT ATHOS HOLDS THE CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF THE LIVING DESCENDANTS OF BETHANIA

...THOSE WARRIORS WHO CAN BRAVE THE HARD JOURNEY TO THE PENINSULA ARE GATHERED...
THE TRADITION HAS IT THAT TO PROTECT THE DESCENDANTS FROM THOSE WHO WOULD DO THEM HARM...

...TO FIGHT FOR GLORY...

WITH TIME, IT HAS BECOME A LEGENDARY COMPETITION.
...AND FOR SERVICE UNDER ATHOS.

DID PLENTY OF JOBS FOR THE ADEPTS
SO I KNOW ABOUT YOU QWA-SERS
WHOOSH
YOU KNOW
I USED TO BE IN A PRETTY FAMOUS MERCENARY UNIT...
SHIT
IRON, HUH?
THAT SAID...
HERE'S SOME-THING IRON-FREE, JUST FOR YOU!
K-CHAK

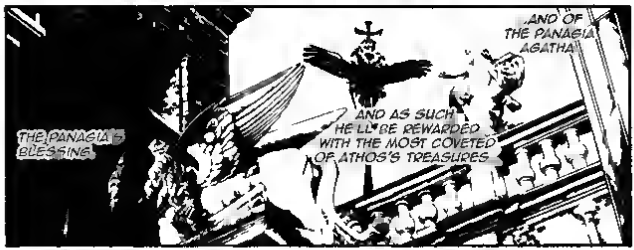
BRAAAAM
THIS ASSAULT SHOTGUN FIRES ALL OF ITS 20 SHELLS IN LESS THAN FIVE SECONDS...
...AND EACH SHELL CONTAINS 200 LEAD PELLETS!
MIGHT SEEM LIKE OVERKILL, BUT WHEN EVERYTHING'S ALLOWED
YOUR ONLY CONCERN IS TO GET YOUR OPPONENT OUT OF THE WAY
SO NO HARD FEELINGS, EH?

SSSSS

NO...
THERE'S NO WAY...
GSHHH!!

* 3180 °F ** 5182 °F
THE BOILING POINT FOR LEAD IS AT 1749 °C *
FOR IRON, IT'S 2862 °C **
I FILLED THE AIR WITH IRON PARTICLES AND HEATED THEM TO NEAR BOILING POINT
AND WHEN YOUR LEAD CAME CLOSE, IT JUST EVAPORATED
GAH!
ALL RIGHT!
ALL RIGHT, YOU GOT ME
IS THE IRON STILL HOT?
YOU THINK WE SHOULD FIND OUT?

THE WINNER IS THE ONE WHO REMAINS ALIVE AND STANDING
HE'LL BE DECLARED THE 'CHAMPION OF ATHOS'
THE FAITH AND THE FAITHFUL...
HERE, THEY'RE STILL AS THEY WERE BACK WHEN THE CHURCH FOUGHT THE STATES FOR POWER


AND OF THE PANACEA AGATHA!
AND AS SUCH, HE'LL BE REWARDED WITH THE MOST COVETED OF ATHOS'S TREASURES
THE PANACEA'S BLESSING

I'VE TALKED WITH LIZZIE ABOUT THIS...
AND SHE APPRO-VES
FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL BE YOUR PARTNER
I SEE

TERESA?
YOU DID WELL

MAFUYU
HOLD ON
I WILL WIN THIS THING
I WILL WIN, THE PANACEA'S BLESSING
—AND THEN I'LL BREAK YOUR CURSE

I'M STRONGER NOW...
...SASHA.
AH, BUT YOU...

YOU'VE GONE SOFT, I SEE.
YOU'VE LOST THAT KILLER INSTINCT

THE PANAGIA'S BLESSING IS MINE...
...THAT I'LL KILL ANYONE THEY PUT IN MY WAY.
TOO BAD FOR YOU, THEN...

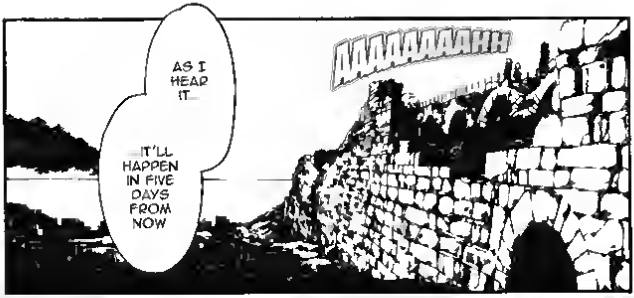
Chapter 67: Reasons to Fight

ATHOS'S GREATEST TREASURE GIVEN TO THE WINNER OF THE TOURNAMENT THAT IS HELD DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE PANAGIA'S DAY OF BIRTH
THE PANAGIA'S BLESSING...
"...BUT WHILE IT'S CALLED A TREASURE, THE BLESSING IS NOT A PHYSICAL ITEM.
IT CAN GIVE VISIONS OF THE FUTURE...
...WITH PERFECT ACCURACY.
RATHER, THE PANAGIA TAKES CONTROL OF A CERTAIN HIGH-ANCIENT CIRCUIT...
...CALLED THE "MOSES OF SILENCE".

THE PANAGIA ALLOWS THE WINNER TO ASK ABOUT THE FUTURE
AND IT IS HER ANSWERS THAT ARE KNOWN AS THE "PANAGIA'S BLESSING"
AHAHH
SO THAT'S WHAT IT IS?
A CHANCE TO KNOW THE FU-TURE
NOW I GET WHY THESE PEOPLE ARE FIGHTING SO HARD FOR IT
WHY MOST OF THEM ARE, YES
BUT NOT ALL OF THEM

AND OTHERS HAVE THEIR OWN REASONS FOR FIGHTING
SOME ARE ONLY HERE TO FIGHT FOR HONOR
WELL
DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?
I MEAN, TO WIN?
BUT WHAT DO WE DO?
KLAK
LIKE YOU, HUH, KATJA-SAMA?
FOOM
AAAAHH
OOOHH
WITH SMIRNOFF ACTUALLY COMMANDING ME
TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS HORSE-PLAY
TO BE HONEST, I'M FAR FROM PLEASED

EKATERINA KURAE...
STAY HERE AND SEE HOW IT GOES
SO EVEN THOUGH I DID WIN MY QUALIFYING FIGHT...
IF NOBODY CONTACTS US BEFORE THE FINALS, I'LL JUST FORFEIT
COPPER PRINCESS
BUT FIRST, MAY I SAY IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
WAIT
I HAVE INSTRUC-TIONS FROM HIS EXCELLENCY.
THOK
AAAAA
IT'S TOO NOISY TO TALK HERE
THEN LET'S FIND SOME-PLACE QUIET


AAAAAAAAH!!
AS I HEAR IT...
IT'LL HAPPEN IN FIVE DAYS FROM NOW

HEH...
ATHOS IS USUALLY SO PEACEFUL BUT IT SURE IS NOISY RIGHT NOW
I SEE.

AND IT IS PRECISELY BECAUSE OF ALL THIS BUSTLING ACTIVITY...
THAT WE HAVE TO DO THIS NOW
BUT THEN IT IS THE CELEBRATION OF THE PANAGIA AND ALL...
scratch

I'M SURE I'M NOT ASKING THE IM-POSSIBLE OF YOU...
...AM I?
WE NEED TO DRAW AS MUCH ATTENTION AS POSSI-BLE...
TO THE OTHER PARTY
JUST KEEP YOUR USUAL FOOLISH IMPULSES AT BAY, MELOSZ
WILL IT, INDEED?
THE PROPOSAL WE MADE TO YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED TO THE LETTER
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BEST TO MEET YOU IN PERSON FOR THIS
CRASH
FLICK
WHO...?!
RRRR

IT...
IT CAN'T BE
THE IRON QWASER?!
KRSSSHH
YOU?!
HAAAAAH!!
WHOOSH
HEY NOW!
NOBODY LIKES A PUSHY DATE!
CLIP
KRK

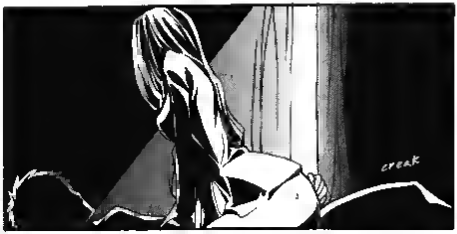
BWOMMM
LEAP
SSSSSS
DID YOU REALLY HAVE TO GO THAT FAR, MELOSZ?
NOW, IF IT COMES OUT THAT YOU WERE HERE AT THIS TIME—
I'LL FIND MYSELF IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION INDEED!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, YOUR EXCEL-LENCY, BUT DON'T WORRY!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT...
...WHAT-EVER IT TAKES.
IT'S ABOUT SASHA THE [illegible]
HE BURST INTO AN IMPORTANT MEETING...
...AND MADE AN ATTEMPT ON HIS EXCEL-LENCY'S LIFE
THERE-FORE
SASHA HAS NOW BEEN MARKED FOR DEATH
DEATH?! BUT...

SO WHAT YOU'RE DOING NOW...
IS MAKING SURE THAT THOSE WHO MIGHT FACE SASHA IN THE TOURNA-MENT
WILL DO THEIR UTMOST NOT JUST TO DEFEAT HIM, BUT TO KILL HIM
THAT IS CORRECT
WHA...
WHAT?!
THE SYSTEM OF THIS TOURNA-MENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN RANDOM
THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A FIGHT CARD SET IN ADVANCE
INSTEAD, FOR EVERY ROUND, THERE'S A NEW DRAW AMONG THOSE WHO ARE STILL IN THE FIGHT
AND SO...

AND SO, IF YOU'RE DRAWN TO FACE HIM
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED
...TO KILL HIM
VERY WELL. I UNDERSTAND
AND IF YOU DRAW ANOTHER OPPONENT
...I WARN YOU, DO NOT TRY TO THROW THE FIGHT JUST TO GET OUT OF THIS
GOODNESS!
OF COURSE I WON'T!
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
rustle
ME?
klak

WOOOHH!!
YES, YOU'RE FACING THE BOY FROM MOUNT KOYA NEXT, AREN'T YOU?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE MORE WORRIED ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW?
OH, AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW
I SHARE A LOT OF HISTORY WITH HIM AND HIS GIRL
SO I'LL BE WATCHING WITH GREAT INTEREST
DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD AGAINST HIM
OR YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF ON SOME VERY THIN ICE INDEED.
AAH
KUK KUK


creak

SO
YOU GOT SOME FOR ME?

rustle
SORRY TO RUSH YOU, MUTSUMI
creak
slip

A...
IT'S... HAH IT'S FINE... JUST DON'T HOLD BACK!
I WANT YOU TO DRINK IT ALL. EVERY DROP I HAVE!
squeeze
HAH!
st
WE CAN'T... ...WE CAN'T FAIL... ...WE... AAH!

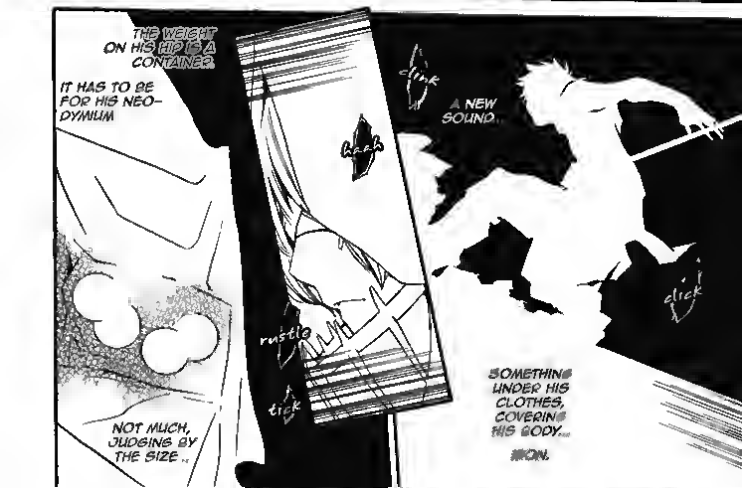
TAH...
TASUKU..!
HHAH...!
GRAB
AAAAH!!!

...STAY!
LORO, STAY!
GRAAAARR
GRRR
LEON MAX MULLER OF METEORA...
...WILL FACE...
...FUJIOMI TASUKU OF MOUNT KOYA!
BEGIN!

"DON'T DROP YOUR GUARD...
...OR YOU'LL FIND YOURSELF ON THIN ICE," WAS IT?
HEH
WHICH MEANS THE BEST STRATEGY MIGHT BE AN IMMEDIATE AND CEASELESS ATTACK
BUT NO, THAT'D BE TOO RASH FOR AN OPENING MOVE AGAINST AN UNKNOWN OPPONENT
HE'S A NEODYMIUM USER
IT'S A RARE EARTH ELEMENT THAT HAS TO BE PURIFIED INTO METAL
...SO IF HE'S GOING TO USE IT, HE'S HAD TO PREPARE IT IN ADVANCE AND CARRY IT INTO THE ARENA HIMSELF

RUSH
LOBO!
GO!!
KUH!
THUNK
HE HAS A STAFF / THE TONE'S NOT QUITE IRON, WHICH HAS TO MAKE IT A NEO-DYMIUM!
THEY'RE MOVING AROUND A HEAVY WEIGHT ON HIS SIDE.
THEN THERE'S THE SOUND OF HIS CLOTHES...
flutter
rustle

LOBO, TO ME!
DOROMI, RINGVI, GO!
TWIST
HN!


THE WEIGHT ON HIS HIP IS A CONTAINER.
IT HAS TO BE FOR HIS NEO-DYMIUM
NOT MUCH, JUDGING BY THE SIZE...
click
A NEW SOUND...
click
SOMETHING UNDER HIS CLOTHES, COVERING HIS BODY...
IRON.

THEY'RE FEELING EACH OTHER OUT.
BUT...
I THINK WE'VE TASTED ENOUGH NOW
...LOBO AND I

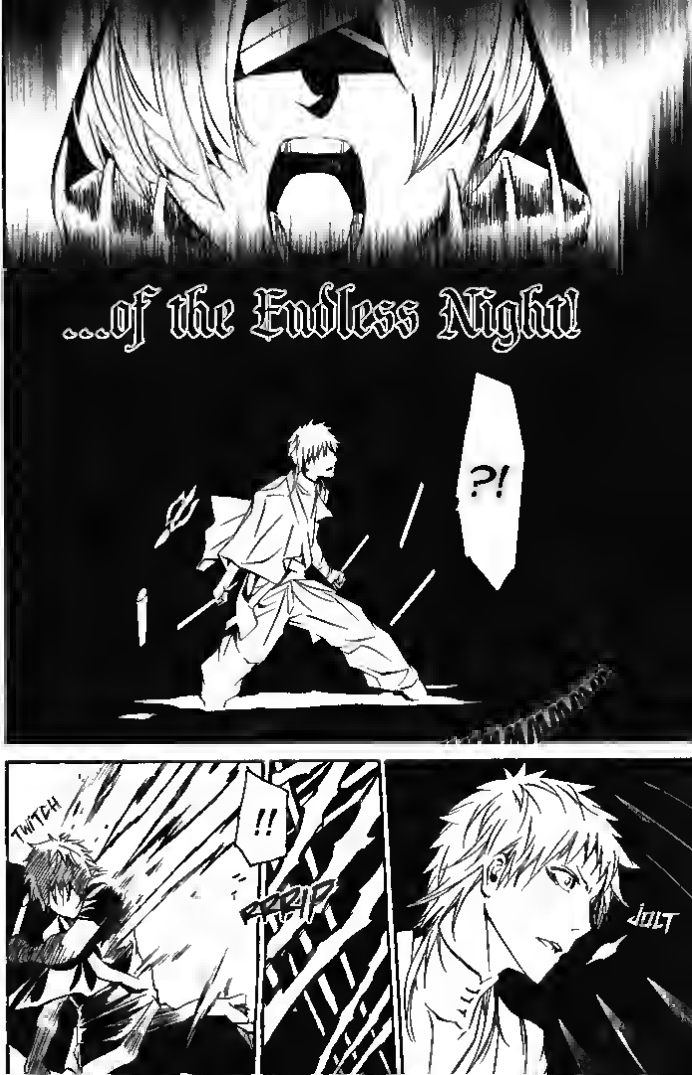
CLANG
AND SO...
GRRRR
RRRRR
...IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO LEARN!
creak
RAMPAGE!
GRRRAAAAAA

SHRRRRED
!!
THE WOLVES, THEY'RE...
...WALKING UPRIGHT?!
YEAH, LOOKS THAT WAY
YOU DONE?

REEE?
CLINK
THEN IT'S TIME TO STOP PLAYING AROUND
WHOOOSH
...AND PUT AN END TO THIS!
FFFFFFF
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
OOOOOHHH

CLASH
CLANG
SPANNG

STILL STRUGGLING?
GLANNNG
I CALL UPON THE POWER
WELL, THEN!


...of the Endless Night!
?!
TWITCH
!!
GRIP
JOLT

THUNK
HAAH!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
RIP
WHAP
THUD
RIP
TEAR
BAM

WOOOOHHH
AAAAAHHH
IT'S LIKE SOLID DARK-NESS!
FIGURES...
AND NO DOUBT HIS WOLVES USE THEIR SENSE OF SMELL MORE THAN THEIR VISION
LEON DOESN'T NEED TO SEE
CAN YOU SURVIVE THIS, TASUKU?
SO THEY'RE RIGHT AT HOME IN THERE...
BUT TASUKU MAY BE IN REAL TROUBLE
YOU'RE STILL HELP-LESS, TRAPPED IN TOTAL DARK-NESS
YOU'RE GOOD, BOY.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MATTER.
MUTSUMI?

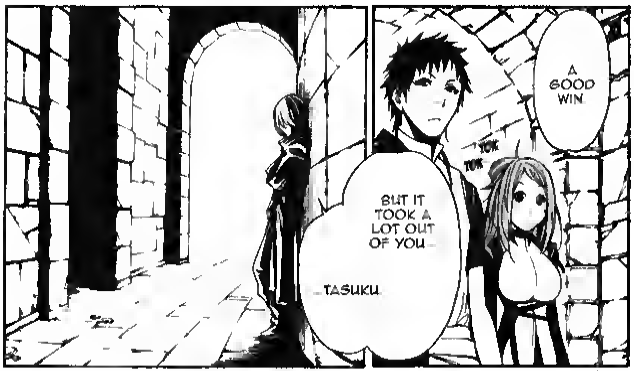
THIS IS THE END
YOU'RE RIGHT...
THIS IS THE END!
GO!

BOOM...
LOBO!
WHOOM
BADADADA
YIIL
DOROMI, BACK!
IMPOSSIBLE... AND IN PERFECT DARKNESS...! HOW?!
HEY, METEORA MAN...
YOU GUYS DON'T NEED LIGHT...
...TO FIGHT IN HERE?

EEEEEE
!!
YOU'RE USING
I STILL SEE YOU, PLAIN AS DAY
WELL, I DON'T NEITHER
MAGNETIC FIELD LINES?!
THAT'S IT
I DROPPED MY NEODYMIUM STAVES TO COVER THIS PLACE WITH A MAGNETIC FIELD
AND I CAN PICK UP THE NUCLEAR SPIN
OF EVERY ATOM IN IT, INCLUDING THOSE THAT MAKE UP YOUR BODY

MRI = MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

AND THAT MEANS I WIN...
...METEORA MAN
CRACK
THOCK
SPAK
THUD


A GOOD WIN
TICK
TICK
BUT IT TOOK A LOT OUT OF YOU
TASUKU

I'M IN THIS TO SAVE JAPAN
MAYBE, BUT IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE
YEAH? AND WHAT'S THAT?

SEE LAST JANUARY
THE OLD MAN OF MOUNT KOYA DIED
A REAL DOOMSDAY PROPHECY
UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS LIGHT ON THE DETAILS
THE OLD MAN ONLY SAW WHAT'D HAPPEN, BUT NOT WHEN OR WHERE
OR HOW TO STOP IT
I SEE
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HERE
HOWEVER
RIGHT BEFORE HE WENT, HE HAD A DEATH PROPHECY
NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT, HE'D JUST LIVED HIS LIFE
HE SAW THE DEATHS OF TENS OF THOUSANDS, AND THE WORLD COVERED IN BLACK FLAMES
AND ITS PEOPLE "SWALLOWED BY GREAT MISFORTUNE"
HE SAW JAPAN CRUMBLE UNDER A MASSIVE DISASTER
A VISION FROM THE OTHER SIDE WHEN YOUR SPIRIT IS IN BOTH WORLDS AT THE SAME TIME
AND THOSE PRETTY MUCH ALWAYS COME TRUE

THE PANAGIA'S BLESSING...
GUIDED VISIONS OF THE FUTURE.
IX
THAT'S WHAT I WANT.
THAT'S WHY I WON.
THERE ARE SIMPLY TOO MANY LIVES AT STAKE FOR ME TO LOSE.
BY THE WAY, I HEARD ABOUT MAFUYU-CHAN.
THAT'S JUST TOO BAD.
I FEEL FOR HER, SASHA.
BUT RIGHT NOW, THAT'S ALL I CAN DO.
AND I'M GUES-SING SHE'S THE REASON WHY YOU'RE HERE?
YES.
AND I CAN TELL YOU RIGHT NOW THAT IF I HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN MAFUYU'S LIFE AND THE LIVES OF TENS OF THOU-SANDS...
I CHOOSE HER, EVERY TIME.

I KNEW YOU WOULD
WELL NOW WE BOTH KNOW WHERE WE STAND.
BUT IF WE END UP FIGHTING EACH OTHER...
YOU'D BETTER BE READY TO KILL ME
'CAUSE I'LL WIN OR I'LL DIE.
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.
TOK
TOK

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